Students at Charlotte Catholic are going to start their own ‘”chain reaction” by creating a Rachel’s Chain around our school. Three freshmen, Riley Burns, Stewart Dickenson, and Abby Vernier, started the plan of making Charlotte Catholic’s chain of good deeds inspired by the Rachel’s Challenge presentation.

When a student does a good deed or sees another student completing an act of kindness, he or she should add a link to the chain, which are distributed during religion class.

The TAB (Teens Against Bullying) Club will form the chain, placing it on the first floor, starting at the entrance of the school and stretching past the library into the commons area.

“We don’t have any goals for our chain. Of course we would love to have as many links as possible, but it’s the first year we’ve done it and if you set a goal, it demands kindness rather than encourages it, therefore not making it ‘kindness,’” said Mr. Delamere.

A good deed can be any kindness, from holding a door for someone to listening to friend. The chain will serve not only as a symbol of all of Charlotte Catholic’s kind acts, but will encourage students to be kinder to one another.

“I think the idea of the chain is great! It will definitely help kids at our school become more aware of kindness. One good deed may not seem like much, but every link adds up,” said freshman Emily Prys.

Students signed a poster outside of the cafeteria promising to accept Rachel’s Challenge.

The three freshman girls, Stewart Dickenson, Riley Burns, and Abbey Vernier came to Mr. Delamere with the idea and he went to Mr. Carpenter for the go ahead. The three girls then proceeded to cut out thousands of colorful construction paper strips for the religion classes.

When students see somebody doing something nice for someone else, they are asked to fill out a strip. The strip could have anything on it from the person’s name, his or her own name, or the kind deed on it.

“Ever since the chain project started, I’ve been watching for people who do good deeds. I think that submitting one strip a day is not a challenge at all for students because once I started looking for kindness, I found it everywhere!” said sophomore Neeley Walsh.

The chain will be completed before exams begin on December 16, but the idea of doing good acts will stay with students.